

The Pocahontas Times.

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O WHAT a glory doth this world put on
 For him who, with a fervent heart,
 goes forth
 Under the bright and glorious sky,
 and looks
 On duties well performed and days
 well spent!
 For him the wind, ay, and the yellow leaves
 Shall have a voice, and give him
 eloquent teachings;
 He shall so hear the solemn hymn
 that Death
 Has lifted up for all, that he shall
 go
 To his long resting-place without
 a tear. —Longfellow.

THE Greenbrier Valley Democrat, published at Ronceverte, appeared last week.

AN overall factory will be started in Staunton about the first of the year.

THE anti-football bill of Virginia met an untimely end in the Senate the other day. The score stood 21 to 12.

ONE printing company addresses circulars to "Arsenic Price, Marlinton, W. Va.," and they invariably turn up in the box of the editor of this paper.

COLONEL R. W. EASTHAM claims that his life was saved in the encounter with Thomson by reason of his wearing the left hind foot of a grave-yard rabbit in this vest-pocket.

JOSEPH MCKENNA, of California, Attorney General, has been nominated by the President as a justice of the Supreme Court, for the place made vacant by the resignation of Justice Fields.

THE man at the head of the wheat corner in Chicago, which caused such a jump in December wheat, is Joseph Leiter, a millionaire, aged thirty years. A few years ago he came out of Harvard, and has since then been making things to hum in Chicago.

THE Mormon church is steadily growing. They carry their religion into politics and run the municipal governments of Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah. It is likely that the United States Senator elected next year will be a Mormon. The church made more converts the past twelve months than in any one year of the history of the Mormons. They have in the field 1400 missionaries, all whom work without pay.

CONGRESS has passed an act prohibiting pelagic sealing to Americans. Pelagic means pertaining to the deep sea, or high sea, which is three miles from the coast. Congressman Dorr opposed the bill. Pelagic or pelagian, the adjective, comes from pelagus, Latin, the sea. The noun Pelagian, means a follower of Pelagius, a monk who lived in the fourth century, and who denied original sin and asserted the doctrine of free will and the merit of good works. Maybe our representative is pelagian from all points of view.

THE Judge of the Circuit Court of Tucker county sentenced Colonel Eastham to confinement in the county jail of Tucker county for a period of two years. He was convicted of involuntary manslaughter which is pronounced a misdemeanor. While the code does not limit the punishment, it has always been understood that when a prisoner was to serve a longer term than 12 months it was a proper case for the penitentiary, consequently a felony. The sentence is clearly against the spirit of the law. Voluntary manslaughter, a crime of greater importance than involuntary manslaughter, is punishable by a penalty of from one to five years in the penitentiary. Surely the intention of the law was to make the punishment for the latter less than the least punishment for the graver offense. We have heard of this judge's hostility to this defendant, and had supposed that the reports were greatly exaggerated. But the animus shown by his ignoring all precedent to punish the accused severely, leads us to believe that he is both judge of the homicide and an avenger of blood. We have no use for a man who is as "bandy with his gun" as is Eastham, but a judge should not be by his sentence raise the crime from what the jury has found.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

The question of postal savings banks, agitated so extensively this year, is one of real interest to country people. We have endeavored to gather some facts in relation to the matter for the information of those of our readers who may not have read up on the question. If a bill is passed by the present Congress, there will most likely be at least three postal-banks established in this county. At the two money order offices, Academy and Huntersville, and at Marlinton, which is not a money-order office, but which pays a larger revenue than either of the other; but which, by reason of neglect has never been made a money-order office.

There are pending in Congress three bills, all on practically the same lines, seeking the establishment of postal savings banks. One was prepared by Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina; one by the Chicago Record, which has flooded the country with literature on the subject; and one by banker Bell, of St. Louis.

The Postmaster General has been investigating the matter, and in his annual message has strongly endorsed the proposition. The system has been in existence in other countries for many years. It was established in Great Britain in 1861; France in 1882; Austria in 1883; Canada, 1868; Italy, 1876; Belgium, 1869; Sweden, 1884; Netherlands, 1881; Sandwich Islands, 1886. It is needless to say that it has worked admirably.

The object is to cultivate the habit of saving. It is almost a national trait that the American can make money but cannot save it. On the other hand, there is a class of people who save hundreds of dollars by hoarding it in their houses. This is dead money, as it remains out of circulation, and most of them if they had the government for security would deposit it and it would draw interest. The postal department has ascertained that thousands of people when they have money on hand will go to a money-order office and buy a money order payable to themselves and keep it sometimes for years, in order that it may be safe. They not only lose all interest, but actually pay for the privilege of having the government use their money.

The bills provide for a rate of 2 to 2½ per cent. on deposits. One of the most serious objections which have been raised by those opposed to the bill is that the government could not use to advantage the immense amount of money which would accrue. This has been successfully answered by those pushing the measure, that the government pays more rent for postal cars and buildings than would pay interest to all depositors. And besides this the national debt could be held in a few years by the people of small savings in the manner that the national debt of France was conveyed to the people by means of the postal savings bank. There would be no more combinations to cause distrust over the sale of United States bonds.

The People's Party has always advocated postal saving banks, but as it comes up in Congress this session it is not a party measure. Bankers do not oppose the measure, as a rule, for it will tend to educate the people as to the convenience and usefulness of banks. The United States has proved its stability as a nation, in spite of W. T. Stead's lies in his new book, "Despairing Democracy"; and the advocates of these bills point out that the depositors with the government will ever be against revolutionary movements to overthrow the government, and add strength and stability to the nation.

WILLIAM FULTON, a farmer, dropped dead on the street in Lynchburg, last Friday. Five minutes before his death he said: "I have worked hard for thirty years and am now going to enjoy myself." It is a parallel case to the man who said: "Soul, take thine ease."

UPON summing up the amounts called for in matter of appropriations it is found that the call is for \$462,647,885. This is about \$32,000,000 more than last year. One-fourth of this is for pensions. The increase over last year is mainly for pensions. It is estimated that one in every seventy persons is now a pensioner. This means that one of every fourteen families in our country is partly or entirely supported by the government.

RAILROAD TALK.

We can never be happy over railroads. We have been hungering and thirsting for a railroad for years, and now that one is to be built, the engineering corps have surveyed two routes and the people of the county are about to fall out over which line shall be built. Knowing that it is a circumstance over which we have no control, we should all be content to take the goods the gods provide.

Of the two routes the longer is that which runs to the Greenbrier River at Marlinton and thence up the banks of that stream to the forks. The distance from White Sulphur is 82 miles. The other diverges from this route at Driscol and goes up Knapps Creek and across the country to the river at Sitlington's Creek. This line would be 71 miles long. Those interested in the short line, mainly county land owners, were very confident that Marlinton would miss the road after all, until this week. The newspapers report that the road will be eighty miles long, since the first meeting of the stock holders, and if this be true the Marlinton route has been selected.

A railroad built across the eastern section of the county would not develop the county to anything like the extent a road up the Greenbrier would. For instance, the Levels, the richest farming section of Pocahontas, if not of the State, would continue to go to the depot at Ronceverte, on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio, instead of using a depot at Driscol. With a railroad depot in ten miles at Marlinton "Egypt" would increase her crops of grain threefold. The quarries of marble, the finest in the United States, could be developed. Then take the Elk country. It has been called the land of milk and honey until the expression is trite. A railroad at Driscol could not take her custom away from the West Virginia Central, at Beverly.

On the other hand, the people living on the shorter line would none of them be over ten miles from a railroad depot if the longer line were built. There is no coal east of Greenbrier River, and the iron deposits will be traversed before the routes diverge.

It is thought that the Greenbrier River Lumber Company owns a controlling interest in the stock of the Greenbrier Railway Company. Their lands lie on the Greenbrier River from Marlinton to the Forks. Anyone who has studied the situation of their holdings in this county, and those of Colonel McGraw, know that on the Marlinton route from the town of Huntersville to the forks of the river, a distance of nearly fifty miles, that the bed of the road will be on their lands. This refers to people who have no use for lands in this county unless there is a railroad here to make the land worth paying taxes on.

There is no rivalry between the towns of Huntersville and Marlinton in this matter, for which we may be truly thankful. If one misses the railroad the other will too, and for once we are fighting for the same thing.

Another gratifying circumstance is that this company does not seem at all disposed to skin the county of Pocahontas out of a subscription of \$50,000. The stock in the road must evidently be worth having, or else the directors do not believe in making themselves cheap enough to ask for public aid.

Pocahontas with sixty miles of railroad will be a different county from what it is now. It will blossom like a rose, and when the companies and corporations take the timber away, we will see a healthy farming class peopling the county and making this one of the most important districts of the State.

Hawaii Calls Time.

The Hawaiian protest before the Federal Senate against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States starts out as follows:

"PALAPALA HOOPII KUE HOOHUAINA.
 "I Ka Mea Mahaloia William McKinley, Presidena, a me ka aha Senate, o Amerika Huipuiua:
 "Me ka Mahalo; No ka mea, ua waihoia aku iuma o ka Aha Senate o Amerika Huipuiua he Kuhihina no ka Hooihui aku i oleloa, no ka noonoona ma kora kaunani i loka o Dekemababa, M. H., 1897: nolaila. — Etc., etc.

That certainly looks as if it ought to be effective.—Richmond Dispatch.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES.

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Pocahontas, which are delinquent for the non-payment of taxes for the years 1895 and 1896, will be offered for sale by the undersigned Sheriff, at public auction, at the front door of the Court-house of said county, between the hours of ten in the morning and four in the afternoon, on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1898. Each tract or lot, or so much thereof as may be necessary, will be sold for so much cash as is sufficient to satisfy the amount due thereon, as set forth in the following table:

NAMES OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH TAXES.	LOCAL DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY OF LAND.	Total amount of taxes, interest, costs of publication, and commission being amount necessary to redeem before sale.	Total amount of taxes, interest, costs of publication, commissions and fee for receipt.
Green Bank District		Acres.		
Arbogast Sol Est.	Alleghany mt	10	47	72
" W F Est	" "	60	2 34	2 59
" Adams Est	ad A M V Arbogast	55 80	9 62	9 87
" Sams	ad B M Yeager	58 120	12 10	12 35
" Sams	" "	50	1 99	2 24
" Jacob H	Home place	10	4 58	4 75
" Maggie E	waters Deer creek	81	5 30	5 55
" Adam C	Spillman place	35	3 25	3 50
" Same	waters G. River	5	40	65
" J. R. & L S Tusk	" "	1600	13 14	13 39
Burner Virginia	Big mtn	131	2 51	2 76
Bradshaw J B	Coopers Barn	1	1 58	1 83
Beverage Jno H	waters Deer creek	83	1 75	2 00
" Same	E G R	22	71	96
" Same	Thomas Creek	264	2 58	2 83
Carpenter Chas	wts Gr. r	60	3 37	3 62
Campbell J B Hrs	Thomas creek	60	2 27	2 52
Carpenter Margaret C	Little river	46	6 82	7 07
Cunningham Lubana	Thomas creek	129 40	6 82	7 07
Carpenter Jno Sr est	W G R	143 80	6 91	7 16
Collins W H	near Trav Repose	100	1 57	1 82
Darnell W S	Buffalo mt	225	5 01	5 26
Davis Jno W est	Alleghany mt	15	60	85
Dever Jno's est	Alleghany mt	248	3 44	3 69
Darnell Henderson	near Trav Repose	160	7 02	7 27
Darah E H, Ritter	hd wts Gr river	240	6 35	6 60
" M J Clark	" "	240	6 35	6 60
Driscol Jno & J M	" "	1839	46 51	46 76
" P Kinsports	E N Moore tract	200	3 69	3 94
" P Kinsports	hdwts Gr river	1600	53 90	54 15
" Same	" "	800	28 12	28 37
" Same	" "	381	13 20	13 45
" Same	" "	1641	55 07	55 32
" Same	" "	60	2 36	2 61
" Same	East	410	14 09	14 34
" Same	" "	420	14 39	14 64
" Same	" "	637	21 67	21 92
" Same	" "	597	20 33	20 58
" Same	Allghy mts	50	2 04	2 29
Ervine Ed's est	Boreman's run	10	99	1 24
Gregg Geo A	Brush run	138	11 87	12 12
Galford Thos Hrs	wts Deer creek	116	4 20	4 45
Gregg Barbara M	Buffalo run	70	3 25	3 50
Gum Polly S	" "	100	6 16	6 41
Gregg Jno W	" "	9	87	1 12
" Same	" mt	245	4 44	4 69
" Same	J H A Land	120	2 37	2 62
" Same	Allghy mt	120	1 83	2 08
Gilmore Alex	hd of 596a tract	298	5 43	5 68
Hutton Alf	hd N Fork	20	1 02	1 27
Heveners J est	near forks Gr river	132	3 43	3 68
Hamilton Wm hrs	Back Alleghany	30	76	1 01
" Same	McNeill land	298	5 35	5 60
Hutton N B	wts Gr river	100	7 01	7 26
Houchin Ellis est	adj Arbogast	130	7 96	8 21
Luntz Annie E	Salisbury run	100	1 58	1 83
McLaughlin Jas L	Back All'gy mt	7	93	1 18
" Same	Deer creek	16 80	2 81	3 06
" Dan Est	" "	12	50	75
McCutcheon Jno B	Thomas creek	45	1 08	1 33
" Same	wts Gr River	2800	47 17	47 42
" Same	Elk Lick run	77	1 37	1 62
" Same	All'gy mt	84	11 20	11 45
Pullin Loise C	Deer creek	29 20	3 19	3 44
Pugh Marietta R	Greenbrier	84	2 56	2 81
Rheinstrom Alf	Buffalo mt	125	4 59	4 84
Rader W F & P B	" "	120	3 20	3 45
Slaton Robt G	" "	107	3 32	3 57
" W J	" "	20	1 53	1 78
" Same	Leather Ridge	40	9 91	1 24
Sheets Jacob's est	Back Alleghany	135	9 31	9 56
Sutton Wilson R	adj A Nottingham	81	11 10	11 35
" Same	" "	13	1 27	1 52
Simmons Sallie & E E Butchers hrs	Forks Gr river	887	22 58	22 83
Sutton Geo M	Greenbrier	53	7 84	8 09
" Same	W wts Deer creek	50	4 52	4 77
" Same	Little mtn	50	95	1 20
Scott Frk B	hdwts Gr River	100	2 75	3 00
Tark R S & J L Arbogast	wts Gr River	1600	27 63	27 88
Whitescarver J M	hd	100	2 76	3 01
Wade Chas	Alleghany	507	13 19	13 44
Edray District				
Armstrong B F	Swago	51	3 59	3 84
Barnes M L	R L Run	30	1 04	1 29
Brown H (col)	" "	70	1 97	2 22
Burgess Paul D	" "	18 10	1 20	1 45
" B M	Swgo creek	150	2 70	2 95
Ervine Wm D	Old Field Fk Elk	160	7 05	7 30
Friel A A	Gr River	140	2 08	2 33
" Jos est	W Gr River	30	1 25	1 50
" Same	" "	167	2 93	3 18
" Same	W Thorny creek	305	3 92	4 17
Gay M J	Sulphur Spring	11	4 52	4 77
Gibson M E F & M	Big Spring	444	14 39	14 64
C Hannah	End Cheat mt	700	16 80	17 05
Gatewood Warwk est	Big Spring of Elk	26 80	5 30	5 55
" Same	" "	215 80	12 68	12 93
Hogsett Sam Est	Old Field Road	884	28 31	28 56
" Same	" "	138	13 39	13 74
" J T	" "	59	4 98	5 23
Hannah W R E & C	Greenbrier river	142	2 55	2 80
" David's est	W side Gauley mt	290	7 16	7 41
" W K E	Adj Beverage & Co	81	2 95	3 20
Jackson, James (col)	Brush Run	100	3 50	3 75
Johnson, J E	W Greenbrier	100	5 08	5 33
" Same	" "	300	3 83	4 08
Kellison, Jno J & S J	Buckley mt	111	3 81	4 06
Loudermilk, S J	Stoney creek	18	1 50	1 75
" Same	Swago	105	5 09	5 34
Lyle, Samuel W	wts Elk river	750	17 90	18 15
McComb, George T	Greenbrier river	25	1 87	2 11
Simmons, J W, n r & w	Leather creek	61	3 86	4 11
Thomson, Jos L	Big Spring	1 32	6 37	6 62
Wood, Blaine R	Dry Branch	52	4 68	4 93
Wood, Walter	Elk river	4500	496 81	497 06
" Same	" "	20000	1527 13	1527 38
White, George	Laurel creek	1473	69 52	69 77
" Isabelle	" "	214	9 42	9 67
" Wm H's estate	" "	432	10 74	10 99
Yeager, B M	wts Elk	33	2 34	2 59
" Same	Williams river	298	9 68	9 93

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Alderman's heirs	1834	Douthards creek	3 20	3 45	
" same	820	" "	5 64	5 89	
Buzzard, M A & G A	142	Little Back Creek	5 27	5 52	
Barnett, Sabina M	310	Greenbrier River	5 69	5 94	
" John M	1	Knapps creek	61	86	
Bowers, John E	1	waters Knapps crk	1 31	1 56	
Blyholder, J B	1600	Alleghany mountain	69 70	69 95	
Bradshaw, Wm's hrs	100 40	Marlin's mountain	1 61	1 86	
Beard, M W	50	Beaver creek	2 06	2 31	
" same	415	" "	18 32	18 57	
Bird, George H	120	Alleghany mt	1 88	2 13	
Barrett, O & J D Price	360	from J P McComb	12 96	13 21	
" " " Jr	230	from J D Price	8 19	8 44	
Cobb, A	100	Buckley mt	3 79	4 04	
Chapman, F	200	Beaver creek	15 86	16 11	
" same	10	" "	52	77	
Clark, A A, Maggie, & E H Darrah	70	Knapps Creek	2 79	3 04	
Campbell, D H	180	Alleghany mt	2 59	2 84	
" same	30	" "	70	95	
" same	30	" "	70	95	
" same	30	" "	70	95	
" same	30	" "	70	9	